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FLORIDA ENERGY COMMISSION HOLDS FIRST MEETING

Tallahassee, FL -- The Florida Energy Commission (FEC) held its first meeting in Tallahassee this past Friday, February 9, 2007. The FEC was created by the Florida Legislature last year to develop recommendations for a state energy policy and a comprehensive state climate plan to address greenhouse gases and global warming.

After a day long session of presentations and intensive discussions regarding Florida's current energy situation, the Commission created four advisory groups to be lead by Commission members to further pursue issues within its charge and to solicit information and comments from the public. The Commission's enabling statute provides for the creation of such groups for these purposes. The four advisory groups and their designated Commission members are:

Climate Change	Todd Sack (Chair) John O'Brien
Conservation	Mike Hightower (Chair)
Renewable Energy	Blake Casper (Chair) Bill Cramer
Generation & Transmission	Sam Bell (Chair) Joe Tannehill

“I’m very excited about our first meeting and the eagerness of everyone involved to start work on these issues. We have a long way to go, but we got started on the right foot and the Commission truly appreciates the commitments made at the meeting to work with the FEC as we work towards a better energy future for our citizens,” said FEC Chairman, Tommy Boroughs. “The creation of advisory groups will allow us to better address the many facets of the energy issue and to do so at the local level where Floridians from all walks of life can take part in the process.”

The meeting times, locations and agendas for the advisory groups will be released shortly. The full Commission will meet again on March 23, 2007 in Orlando. The agenda for that meeting will be available approximately two weeks prior to the meeting date.

For more information about the Commission’s activities, the advisory groups or the March 23 meeting, please contact Chairman Boroughs, or the FEC’s Executive Director Greg Krasovsky at (850) 922-0999.

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